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SUBJ: MAF VICE MINISTER VISIT

1. YAMADA OF MAF HAS CONFIRMED THAT MR. MICHIO WATANABE, PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, WOULD APPRECIATE VERY MUCH IF SECRETARY BUTZ COULD MEET HIM DURING HIS STAY IN WASHINGTON, D.C., FROM OCTOBER 14 THRU OCTOBER 16, 1974. PLEASE CALL MATSUMOTO TO SET EXACT TIME AS HE IS HANDLING DETAILS OF OTHER VISITS BY THE VICE MINISTER.

2. YAMADA ALSO INDICATED THAT VICE MINISTER NAKANO DOES NOT REPEAT NOT NOW PLAN TO VISIT USDA THIS FALL. THIS MAY BE RELATED TO RECENT DISCUSSION PAPER PRESENTED BY U.S. RE POSSIBLE FOOD RESERVES PROPOSAL THOUGH THE TWO WERE NOT SPECIFICALLY CONNECTED. YAMADA DID STATE THEY WERE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED BY U.S. PROPOSAL. AGATT WOULD APPRECIATE COPY OF THIS PAPER. THIS INFO RE POSSIBLE NAKANO VISIT SHOULD BE VIEWED TOGETHER WITH FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS.

3. SUBSEQUENT TO RECEIPT ABOVE INFO, FOOD AGENCY (FA) REP AT LUNCHEON TODAY SAID VM NAKANO STILL PLANNED TO VISIT USDA LATE OCTOBER, PRIOR TO WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, WITH ONE OBJECTIVE BEING DISCUSSION OF FOOD RESERVES PROPOSALS.

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MEANWHILE, FA IS SENDING THE DIRECTOR OF THE ADMINISTRA-

TION DEPT., MR. SUGIYAMA, TO U.S. SEPT 30-OCT 10 WITH ONE ASSISTANT AND HAS PROPOSED THAT SOME OF WHEAT ASSOCIATES ACCOMPANY. AGATT AND WHEAT ASSOCIATES/TOKYO HAVE AGREED TO THIS WITHIN CURRENT MARKETING PLAN BUDGET TOTAL.

4. SUGIYAMA IS IN EFFECT A DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE FA, HOLDING A KEY POSITION IN REGARD TO POLICIES ON PRICES AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. THE LATTER INCLUDES FOOD RESERVE POLICIES.

5. REQUEST FAS/W CONFIRMATION ASAP AS TO WHETHER ASST SECY YEUTTER, DEPUTY BELL AND ADMINISTRATOR HUME, PLUS HOPEFULLY THE SECRETARY, WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH MR. SUGIYAMA PREFEREABLY OCTOBER 3 OR 4, OR SECOND ALTERNATIVE OCTOBER 1 OR 2.

6. JUST RECEIVED LETTER FROM ASST SECY YEUTTER TO NAKANO RE POSSIBLE VISIT NAKANO TO U.S. IN OCTOBER AND YEUTTER TO JAPAN IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY. WILL DELIVER ASAP. UNDOUBTEDLY, THIS WILL AFFECT ULTIMATE DECISION RE NAKANO'S PLANS.
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